

REMARKS

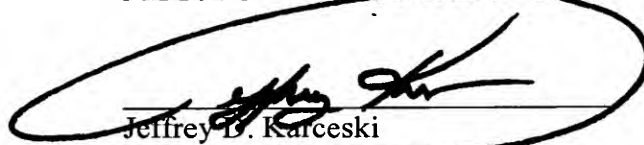
Entry of this Amendment is requested to amend Figures 1, 4, and 5 in the drawings. A complete set of the drawings, including the amended figures, is provided herewith.

On September 9, 2004, the undersigned conferred with the Examiner in response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). During the conversation, the Examiner indicated that the drawings must be amended to indicate that the grooves 34a and 34b have the same or different pitches. In response, the Applicant has added a legend to each of Figures 1, 4, and 5 to provide this indication. This change is supported by the second full paragraph on page 12 of the specification.

This Rule 312 Amendment does not require further searching by the Examiner since the subject matter of the change is completely supported by the specification and does not alter the claims in any way. Accordingly, the submission of this Rule 312 Amendment should not hinder allowance of this application as a United States Patent.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 and refer to Order No. 041283/0308766.

Respectfully submitted,
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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figures 1, 4, and 5 are amended to include the legend: “GROOVES 34a AND 34b HAVE THE SAME OR DIFFERENT PITCHES.”